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Subject: Test Operation/Training for School Meals Initiative for Healthy Children

To: STATE AGENCIES DIRECTORS
(Child Nutrition Programs) - Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri ED,
Montana OPI, Nebraska ED, North Dakota,
South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming ED

The training materials for national training (Healthy School Meals) are in the developmental stages at this time. The first official training program is currently scheduled for early January 1996. We have asked that the Mountain Plains Region be one of the first training sessions scheduled.

It is anticipated that the first draft of all the materials will be completed by the end of October 1995. In an effort to insure a successful national training, the national office is planning to test these materials in a training environment within the Washington, DC metropolitan area on October 24, 25 and 26, 1995.

The plan is for a maximum of 30 people to attend this test operation. Each of the seven regions has been allotted four slots-one for a regional office person and three for State agency staff from three different States in the region. This is a test operation on draft materials. The participants will be asked to do evaluation work at the end of each day. Attendance at this program does not necessarily substitute for attendance at later presentations of the training for Healthy School Meals.

The Food and Consumer Service will pay for the travel expenses of State agency personnel. Selected attendees will receive further information on exact location and times.

If you would like to have someone from your staff attend this training, please contact Ann DeGroat or Darlene Sanchez at 303-844-0354 by September 22. We will then select the three State agency representatives who will attend.

Thank you for your cooperation in this big undertaking.

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